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INFRASTRUCTURE

Cycling is expected to lead T.O.'s bid for federal funds

Jessica Smith Cross
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Cycling and active transportation projects are expected to be among the city's first requests for federal infrastructure money.

Councillors are planning to ask the federal government for funding to extend the West Toronto Railpath and improve the East Don Trail.

It would be the city's first use of the $60 billion in new infrastructure funding promised by the new Liberal government, said Coun. Jaye Robinson, chair of council's public works and infrastructure committee.

Both projects are part of a larger plan to improve Toronto's network of multi-use trails. The federal government has made it clear there will be money available for green infrastructure projects, said Robinson.

"We're ready to roll these out, but the issue is we don't have the funding to do it," Robinson said. "We have a great vision and ideology about active transportation in our city, but the funding seems to perpetually be the hold up."

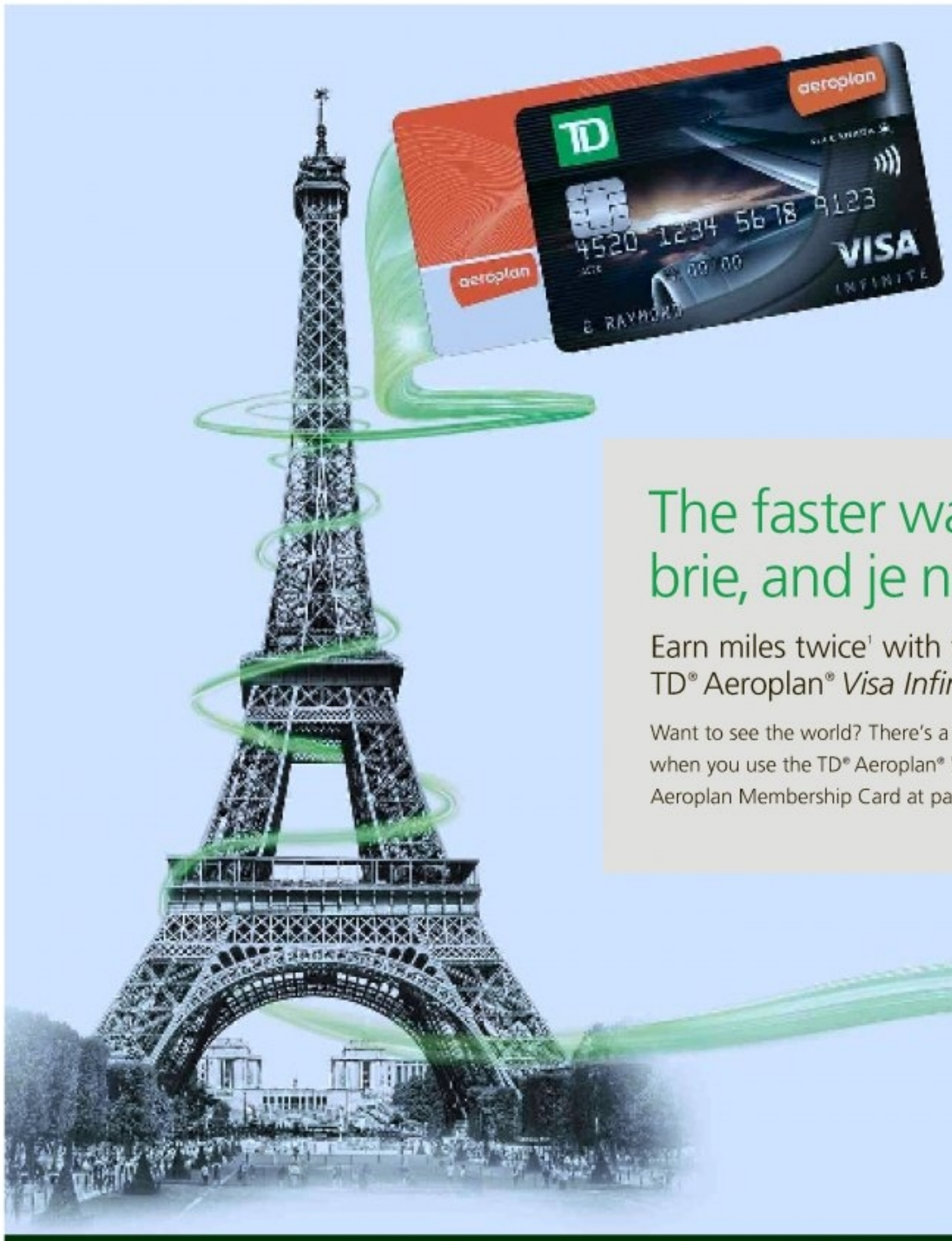
City officials aren't clear yet on the process of applying to get money, but Robinson has introduced a council motion aimed at allowing the city to get a jump on the process.

"We want to hit the ground running on these discussions and make sure we're front and centre on this issue and not being overlooked," she said.

The Liberal government's pledge for new infrastructure spending extends over 10 years and is on top of on top of the commitments made by the previous government.

BIKE PROJECTS

- The West Toronto Railpath Extension is a planned multi-use trail that connects the existing West Toronto Railpath from Dundas Street West, along the Kitchener GO rail line, to Fort York. It would cost $23 million and construction is scheduled to start next year, but the city hasn't found the money to pay for it yet.
- The East Don Trail project would link existing trails in the Don Valley, giving more people access to the valley's trail network. It will cost $26 million and is also unfunded.



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In quake-devastated Ecuador, loved ones mourn as number of victims rises. **World**

METROLINX

UP express may need subsidy

Taxpayers may be forced to subsidize the Union-Pearson Express by more than $20 million annually despite a substantial increase in commuters using the airport trains since fares were lowered.

Studies prepared for the provincial transit body Metrolinx, which were previously censored, reveal officials knew much earlier that the high cost to ride the direct train between the airport and downtown would limit the number of people willing to use the service, and that even at lowered fares the train was unlikely to pay off.

At $30 for a one-way ticket, close to the original $27.50 fare without a Presto card, UP Express was projected to draw 2.3 million passengers by 2020, earning $65.2 million.

The March 2012 study by consultants Steer Davies Gleave found that at $10 a ride — close to the new reduced $12 fare — total passengers would nearly double, to almost four million per year, but annual revenues would dip to just $36.3 million.

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UP Express fares were lowered last month. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Clumsy to convenient

WASTE DISPOSAL

City's garbage bins getting a much-needed makeover

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

Are you fed up with Toronto's public garbage bins? You're not alone.

The much-maligned garbage and recycling bins were the subject of over 13,000 service requests last year, according to documents released by the city.

The grey bins were responsible for 82 per cent of total service requests for street furniture, which includes sidewalk benches, bus shelters and public toilets.

On average, there were 1.4 calls for service for each of the city's 9,094 bins.

"We're a growing city. There's an increased demand on all of our assets," said Ryan Lanyon, who manages the city's street furniture program.

The grey bins launched nine years ago and have been plagued by complaints about broken flaps and pedals, too-small openings and general dirtiness.

Nearly two-thirds of service requests in 2015 were for cleaning dirty bins, while the rest concerned repairs.

Not all service requests were the result of complaints, Lanyon said. Some were for "preventative maintenance" planned by the city.

Fortunately, many of the problems associated with the bins have been eliminated with a new design.

The new bins have been slowly rolling out in the downtown core since 2014, and will show up elsewhere when the old bins reach the end of their life cycle, Lanyon said.

"The existing bins have more moving parts and that's created a lot of the issues," he said, referring to the problematic foot pedals and flaps. "In the new design, we've removed all those moving parts."

While keeping the bins clean will always be a challenge, Lanyon said the new bins should reduce the number of service calls by 11 per cent.

The new bins are also smaller and sleeker — although they hold as much trash as their predecessors — so they take up less space on the city's busy sidewalks.

The city's newer litter bins, left, omit the clumsy flaps and foot pedals that plagued the earlier design, right. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

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DID YOU KNOW?

Toronto's street furniture program is a partnership with Astral Media, which provides equipment such as garbage bins and bus shelters in exchange for advertising rights.

The program generates revenue for the city and is expected to bring in over $17 million in 2016.

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POLICE

Forcillo seeking house arrest

Instead of at least five years in prison, Toronto police Const. James Forcillo should be able to spend less than two years on house arrest for the attempted murder of Sammy Yatim, his lawyers argue in written submissions filed with the court ahead of his May sentencing hearing.

They argue the mandatory minimum sentence of five years for attempted murder with a restricted handgun is "grossly disproportionate" for a case with a lawfully armed police officer.

Also being challenged is a provision that would still prevent the Toronto police officer from being given a conditional sentence — effectively house arrest with the ability to go to work — because the maximum punishment for attempted murder is life in prison. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

TRANSIT

TTC driving forward with random alcohol and drug testing policy

After years of being stuck in arbitration, the Toronto Transit Commission is moving ahead on random alcohol and drug testing of its employees.

In a letter to employees sent Monday morning, TTC CEO Andy Byford said the TTC board approved the funding for random drug testing at its March 23 board hearing.

The TTC will also ask the Ontario government to make random drug testing mandatory for public transit agencies. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Building collapse at LRT station site injures seven

BATHURST AND EGLINTON

Residents near intersection concerned for their safety

A building collapse at a future Eglinton Crosstown LRT station sent seven people to hospital, three of them with serious injuries, and left shaken residents asking questions about safety as construction continues on the massive infrastructure project.

The building facade and construction scaffolding on the former House of Chan restaurant, at Eglinton Avenue and Bathurst Street, collapsed just before 2:30 p.m. Monday, sending steel and cinder blocks scattered across the street and sidewalk.

The structure was being demolished to make way for the Forest Hill station, one of 25 new stations on the new LRT line slated to open in 2021.

Some of the injured, including a construction worker, were able to walk away from the rubble, but others were trapped by the mangled bars and bricks and had to be rescued by firefighters, Toronto Fire Services Cmdr. Bob O'Halloran said.

Among those sent to hospital were a seven-month-old baby and its parents. The baby's stroller blocked the scaffolding from coming into contact with the infant, local MPP Mike Colle said.

"I thank God that there was nobody killed," said the Eglinton-Lawrence MPP from the scene following the accident. "I know how lucky that little baby was."

Ministry of Labour inspectors arrived on the scene shortly after the collapse.

Celia Sturgeon, who has lived in the area for 10 years, fears the construction could cause future trouble.

"If it happens here, is it going to happen other places? Is this going to happen all the way along the line?" Sturgeon said.

A spokesperson for Metrolinx confirmed construction at the site would be paused while the Ministry of Labour investigated, but couldn't say if the collapse would delay the entire Crosstown project. "The construction is all kinds of projects," said Anne Marie Aikins. "We have the tunneling underground, which shouldn't be impacted." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A general view of the debris after part of a building and its scaffolding collapsed on Monday. Several people were hurt at the site of a future LRT station at Bathurst and Eglinton intersection.
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ECUADOR

'Nightmare' quake hits home for Scarborough resident

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

The past two days have been "like a nightmare" for Melissa Galindo.

"I totally freaked out. I didn't know what to do or who to call first," said the 27-year-old recruitment officer at the Scarborough Hospital, as she described her reaction to news of a 7.8 earthquake that hit her home country of Ecuador on Saturday.

Most of her immediate family members live in Toronto but she's got an aunt and dozens of cousins across the South American country — some of them in Guayaquil, one of the most affected cities.

It wasn't until after many of them had checked in as safe on Facebook that she was able to cool down and start gathering news. Her aunt and two cousins were downtown Guayaquil and witnessed the quake first hand.

"They said they saw buildings collapse. Cars were swerving and hitting people," she said, adding people are showing signs of aftershock, like experiences of high blood pressure from panicking.

The family is still frantically trying to locate one cousin who lives in Manabi province, some three hours away from Guayaquil.

Ariana Teran, centre, with her family in Ecuador. CONTRIBUTED

Ariana Teran, another Toronto resident with Ecuadorian roots, said the country's already lacking infrastructure isn't helping.

"The emergency rescue teams aren't that great. Many people must be dying in the rubble," she said. One of her cousins is running a small relief centre in Guayaquil, and told her the need for assistance is "too big," she said.

The counsellor at the Canadian Human Rights International Organization plans to visit Ecuador this summer. She knows she'll miss hanging out at a commercial complex downtown Guayaquil.

"I hear it was completely destroyed. Very sad," she said.

Both Teran and Galindo decried the world reaction to what befell their country, saying the outcry doesn't compare to when earthquakes hit Japan or Haiti.

"It's really frustrating," said Galindo, adding even the media coverage has been only shallow. "These are people's lives that are being lost. They need your help."

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Sahphi, 6, and sister January, 4, build sandcastles on Woodbine Beach on Sunday as temperatures rose to a welcome 15 degrees. People are flocking to Toronto beaches, but swimming in anything but cold water is a ways off. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

Warm weather, not warm water

BEACHES

Earliest shot to be Lake Erie in May, says meteorologist

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

Sorry, swimmers. The warm weather may have finally arrived in Toronto, but warm water is still months away.

While temperatures reached 23 C Monday at Pearson airport, the water in Lake Ontario was just over 6 C.

"I guess it depends on how brave you are in terms of whether or not you go in," said Environment Canada meteorologist Geoff Coulson. "But I don't think I'll be heading to the beach right away."

According to Coulson, Lake Ontario is fairly deep, meaning it takes a long time to warm up. Surface temperatures don't hit 15 C typically until mid-June or early July, he said, although temperatures in shallower areas near the shore can be a bit warmer.

Water temperatures tend to peak in July, reaching a high of between 19 C and 24 C.

Although thousands of Torontonians flocked to the lakeshore Sunday to soak up the sun, the city's beaches don't officially open until the Canada Day long weekend.

25 C

The minimum pool temperature allowed for Olympic swimming competitions, according to FINA

In the interim, Coulson said, would-be swimmers are better off heading to Lake Erie. The shallowest of the Great Lakes, Erie warms up more quickly and can see surface temperatures above 20 C in May, he said.

CRIME

Man charged with stealing puppy, using fake firearm

A man from Brampton has been charged with stealing a puppy at gunpoint — albeit fake gunpoint.

Two weeks ago, Toronto police received a call reporting that four men showed up to a location in east-end Toronto set by the dog owner to meet a prospective buyer. One of the men came with what appeared to be a shotgun and pointed it toward the owner and stole the puppy. The men then fled in a vehicle.

Christopher Rampersaud, 20, was charged over the weekend with armed robbery with an imitation firearm and made a court appearance.

Toronto police say the puppy has not been located, but after searching the residence of the accused, they found another stolen puppy whose theft had gone unreported.

Police say they'd like to return that puppy to its rightful owner.

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Police are trying to reunite this other stolen puppy with its rightful owner. CONTRIBUTED

Raps fan scores against hunger

Mathew Mikhaiel is the creator of 100 for the Homies, an initiative that's letting Raptors fans give back to the less fortunate. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

FREE PIZZA

When team wins with 100+ points, so do city's homeless

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

The Toronto Raptors have many things motivating them to win. Now, they have one more reason to win big.

Fan Mathew Mikhaiel has taken it on himself to make sure Toronto's homeless youth benefit every time the Raptors win by scoring 100 points or more.

The team has an agreement that allows fans to exchange their ticket stubs for a free slice from Pizza Pizza when players meet up to the challenge. With so many stubs being thrown away, Mikhaiel has been setting up shop in front of the Air Canada Centre for the past two months, collecting the ones people don't want and donating them to youth shelters.

Called 100 for the Homies, the effort started small but has been building steam. The initiative collected 1,222 tickets last week alone after the Raptors beat the Sixers 122-98.

"My thinking initially was, if you have enough money to go to a Raptors game, then you probably can afford a slice of pizza," he said, noting many fans at the games never get to claim their slices.

Mikhaiel believes many people are still unaware of the number of youth who face homelessness in Toronto. Along with doing what he can to help those in need, he hopes his project can raise awareness.

"These are issues that do not discriminate," he said, adding he's personally experienced depression and knows mental health and poverty are some of the problems leading to homelessness.

"These people on our streets want acknowledgment, just to be able to crack a smile."

DETAILS

Help for organizations
100 for the Homies has distributed hundreds of tickets for pizza slices to organizations including Covenant House Toronto, Yonge Street Mission, Seaton House and Turning Point Youth Shelter.

LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

The Spring 2016 Collections have arrived, with a selection of menswear brands that must be seen to be believed. Like the vibrant, rock 'n roll-inspired John Varvatos Star USA. This season sees the designer returning to the basics with luxurious takes on sportswear staples like the café racer jacket, shown here in cognac leather. While the collection retains its urbane edge, each piece seems destined to be a future classic. Come and see the collection in person, where you'll experience our signature service and expertise first-hand. Prefer a preliminary look? Visit us online at harryrosen.com, where you can chat, email or book an appointment with us.
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Rebecca Hookimaw, 17, is comforted by family and friends as she talks about trying to commit suicide in the First Nations reserve in Attawapiskat, Ont., on Monday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Answers sought in Attawapiskat

FIRST NATIONS

Youth questions minister on the conditions seen in the reserve

A young man in the troubled First Nation of Attawapiskat asked the federal indigenous-affairs minister on Monday why his community was living in Third World conditions while Canada is greeting refugees with open arms.

Robert Sutherland was among several youths to express frustration to Carolyn Bennett over the lack of basic supports so desperately needed by those in his James Bay community.

"Tell me why we First Nations live in Third World conditions," he said during a meeting with Bennett and other officials.

"Why is it so easy for the government to welcome refugees and offer them first-class citizenship in our country?"

Attawapiskat has been rocked for weeks by numerous attempts by young people to kill themselves.

> **Tell me why we First Nations live in Third World conditions.**
> Robert Sutherland

The public youth council session followed a private two-hour meeting with Bennett, activist New Democrat MP Charlie Angus and Attawapiskat Chief Bruce Shisheesh, who also made his frustration plain.

Bennett was able to commit to a new, properly equipped youth centre as well as some programming for young people, a key demand in the isolated northern Ontario reserve.

In addition, a youth delegation from across the region will be invited to Ottawa.

Angus called it an important beginning in ending what he called this "cycle of despair."

"I'm pleased we have something deliverable for the young people," Angus said.

"Is this enough given the extent of the crisis that has faced Attawapiskat? No, it's not enough yet, but we have to start with this first step."

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HELLS ANGELS

Ex-boxer shot on motorcycle

A former Olympic boxer who is now a high-ranking member of the Hells Angels is in stable condition in hospital after he was shot outside Montreal on the weekend.

Phil Boudreault, 41, of Sudbury, suffered injuries to his back and a lung after he was shot Saturday morning while riding his motorcycle near Lachute, Que.

The Sûreté du Québec would not confirm the name of the victim, but Sgt. Marc Tessier said, "It was an attempt on (the motorcyclist's) life, for sure."

At least one gunman opened fire from a vehicle that pulled alongside him. A source said that Boudreault shielded his girlfriend, who was also on the motorcycle. Tessier said that two men were seen leaving the scene in an older model, blue-grey SUV.

Boudreault was en route to a motorcycle show in Laval when he was shot, around 10.30 a.m. Saturday. He was found lying in a ditch on Bethany Road near Lachute. A witness reportedly heard 10 to 15 shots.

Phil Boudreault suffered injuries to his back and a lung. YOUTUBE

Boudreault was riding with someone on a second motorcycle at the time of the attack. That person was unhurt, Tessier said.

Boudreault came within one victory of a bronze medal in the light-welterweight division at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, where he was nicknamed The Sudbury Sensation.

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Loss piling up with the rubble

EARTHQUAKE

At least 350 people dead, including two Canadians

It was supposed to be a family reunion to celebrate a young relative's start of college. But the gathering ended in tragedy when a collapsing building crushed 17-year-old Sayira Quinde, her mother, father and toddler brother in their rusting car.

A grief-stricken aunt, Johana Estupinan, now is making the longest journey of her life in a funeral hearse to the town of Esmeraldas, where she will bury her loved ones and break the news of the loss to her sister's three now-orphaned children.

As Ecuador digs out from its strongest earthquake in decades, tales of devastating loss are everywhere amid the rubble. The 7.8-magnitude earthquake left a trail of ruin along Ecuador's normally placid Pacific Ocean coast, buckling highways, knocking down an air traffic control tower and flattening homes and buildings. At least 350 people died, including two Canadians, and thousands are homeless.

President Rafael Correa said early Monday that the death toll would "surely rise, and in a considerable way."

Portoviejo, a provincial capital of nearly 300,000, was among the hardest hit, with the town's mayor reporting at least 100 deaths. The Quinde family drove there from their home hours north up the coast to drop off Sayira at Estupinan's house a week before she was to start classes at a public university on a scholarship to study medicine.

"She was my favourite niece," Estupinan said, emotionally torn apart after waiting at the city's morgue for hours. "I thought I was getting a daughter for the six years it was going to take her to earn a degree."

> **The Ecuadorean spirit knows how to move forward.**
> President Rafael Correa

Estupinan watched as her loved ones were loaded onto a truck-sized hearse for the nighttime drive, the three older ones in dark mahogany coffins and 8-month-old Matias in a casket painted white. "It was supposed to be a short moment of family happiness but it converted into a tragedy," she said.

The quake knocked out power in many parts along the coast and some who fled to higher ground fearing a tsunami had no home to return to, or feared structures still standing might collapse.

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Grief-stricken Ecuadorians continue to search for loved ones, as many others mourn the dead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRAZIL

Rousseff's future in doubt

President Dilma Rousseff on Monday appeared on the verge of losing office after a congressional vote to impeach her and signs suggested only tenuous support for her in the Senate, which will decide whether to remove her amid a political and economic crisis.

The 367-137 lower house vote in favour of impeachment late Sunday sent the issue to the Senate, where 45 of the 81 senators have indicated they will vote to hold an impeachment trial, according to local reports.

If a majority of senators vote to put Rousseff on trial, she would be suspended while Vice-President Michel Temer temporarily took over.

Under the complicated guidelines of the impeachment process, it could be a little more than 10 days until that vote is cast and a minimum of 40 days until the Rousseff's fate is decided. However, the speed of the process also depends on the political will of Senate leader Renan Calheiros.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Amazon Prime service targets Netflix

Amazon.com Inc. is taking on Netflix and Hulu with its own standalone video-streaming service, just weeks before Netflix raises prices for longtime subscribers.

New customers can now pay $8.99 a month to watch Amazon's Prime video-streaming service. Previously, the only way to watch Amazon's videos was to pay $99 a year for Prime membership, which includes free two-day shipping on items sold by the site and other perks.

At $8.99 a month, Amazon's standalone streaming service is $1 less than Netflix's standard membership and $1 more than Hulu's basic subscription.

Netflix said earlier this year that a "substantial number" of its longtime members who paid $7.99 monthly — and have been protected from price hikes — will now pay an additional $2 starting in May.

Amazon's decision to break off its video-streaming service could cause some defections at Netflix, wrote Wedbush analyst Michael Pachter in a note to clients.

Both companies have invested heavily in original and exclusive programing. Netflix has Orange is the New Black, House of Cards and a couple of series based on Marvel comic characters. Amazon's offerings include Transparent, Mozart in the Jungle and previously aired HBO shows.

With Hulu, users can watch many current TV episodes a day after they air on a network. Hulu is also growing its exclusive offerings, with The Mindy Project and Difficult People.

Amazon may be a rival, but Netflix is also an Amazon customer. The Los Gatos, Calif.-based streaming company uses Amazon Web Services to store its content and help run parts of its site and apps.

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Turo drives into Canada

SHARING ECONOMY

Company lets you rent your car out to other people

Move over Budget and Enterprise, get ready to compete with just about anybody who wants to use their vehicle to make some extra cash. Turo, a San Francisco-based company that is best described as an Airbnb for cars, has just launched in Canada.

The concept is simple. The company helps people rent their cars to strangers. Turo started out as RelayRides in 2009 and operates a peer-to-peer car marketplace that has rented thousands of cars for over 1 million days throughout its short history.

"Our mission is to try to put the world's cars to better use,"says Andre Haddad, Turo's CEO.

Canada is the company's first international expansion, and the service will only be available in Ontario, Quebec and Alberta. As well, Canadians must be existing customers of Intact insurance or its subsidiary, Belair Direct. Intact has struck a deal to provide up to $2 million in commercial insurance for Turo users.

"Consumers want to participate in services like Turo," says Stephanie Sorensen, director of external relations for Intact. "We want to ensure that insurance coverage is available."

Turo creates a profile of the vehicle that is available on Turo's website and app, with photos and information about the cost. Users have their choice of vehicles and afterward both sides can review and rate the experience. Both users and owners have to go through a screening process before being able to use the service.

Turo offers a dynamic pricing model that suggests what users can charge, but the car owner ultimately decides how much. Turo takes a 25 per cent cut, and claims that the average active user who rents out their car makes $600 US a month.

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IN BRIEF

Le Chateau to close shops
Fashion retailer Le Chateau plans to close about 40 additional stores across Canada over the next three years even as it hopes to swing to its first profit in six years in 2016. The Montreal-based company has been shuttering underperforming stores as it "recalibrates" in the face of growing online purchases. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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ON VICTIMS IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES

Sexual-assault victims are individualizing their experience in order to authenticate them. By specifying themselves, they force a specific reaction, without being able to control the sentiment.

Linda Redgrave.

Now, then — now that you know her name — are you listening?

Is her story — that of Complainant No. 1 in Jian Ghomeshi's sexual-assault trial, that of a woman allegedly yanked hard by her hair and punched in the head three times, that of the woman in the bikini photo so desperately sought by the press — more believable to you now? Do you think she's brave? Or do you smell a PR move and a book deal?

After revealing her identity in a blog post on Monday, Redgrave says she's ready for both "the good and bad." She's coming forward to change how the legal system deals with sexual-assault complainants. She writes: "I'm doing it because the current method of trying a sexual-assault case by attacking victims who cannot defend themselves is barbaric."

She's started a website to help survivors navigate that system. She's going to advocate for change. She thinks that coming out and naming herself will give her more power.

SAY HER NAME Linda Christina Redgrave is witness No. 1 in Jian Ghomeshi's trial. She is lifting her publication ban.
RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

It does. And other women know it, too.

Writing in the National Post on Monday, Conservative MP Michelle Rempel rips into "everyday" sexism in politics, and demands (rather hopefully) that sexists themselves, not their targets, be the ones to change. She uses her own name. She describes typical harassment (one MP is "turned on" when she's direct).

For sexual assault, it has become a tactic in vogue. Around the Ghomeshi trial, newspapers were printing first-hand accounts of sexual assaults by women who wanted to be named. Other women were tweeting their abuse. They were individualizing their experience in order to authenticate it. By specifying themselves, they forced a specific reaction.

For evidence of how powerful that can be, see Alberta MLA Maria Fitzpatrick's story of beating, rape and threats at the hands of her then-husband. Her speech at the legislature garnered national media and led to the rare unanimous passing of a private member's bill on domestic violence.

But while you can elicit a potent reaction, you can't control its sentiment. Example: Americans are reliving, via a new film, the evisceration of Anita Hill, a black aide to a Supreme Court nominee, who was vilified in the 1990s for testifying to his sexual harassment.

Similarly, since Redgrave and Rempel have come forward, anonymous Twitter eggs and online commenters have piled on the vitriol, mostly just keen to let the Internet know, "I don't believe these women!"

But then again, on the plus side: They've been heard.

Uber-taxi fight obscures true goal

TORY'S TORONTO
Matt Elliott

It was painful to watch.

For two full days last week, city hall's licensing and standards committee debated new regulations for ground transportation providers: taxis, Uber and the like.

With all the yelling, I feared it might never end. It seemed possible that, millennia from now, as Galactus prepares to chow down on our planet, some city councillors might still be in a room somewhere, trying to figure out insurance requirements for UberX.

But it did end, though nothing much was accomplished. Committee members amended the report recommendations, but final decisions won't come until council votes on the regulations in May.

The biggest frustration with these taxi and Uber arguments is that they've dragged on so long that it's hard to remember why this stuff even matters.

We need to get back to first principles. Healthy cities need mobility. Most of that should be covered with infrastructure for active transportation and a robust public-transit system.

Ground transportation providers exist to fill in the gaps. Ensuring they're safe, reliable and accessible should be the primary goal of this debate.

It hasn't been, though. Since the beginning, all sides have been weighed down by baggage and self-interest.

Uber has flouted city bylaws while waging a pandering PR campaign, offering deep discounts and even going so far as to cart in a pile of puppies.

Most annoyingly, Uber advocates insist on using nonsense terms like "rideshare" and "sharing economy" instead of just talking plainly about the business model.

The taxi industry is no better. They've fought reforms for years. Last week, many cab drivers responded to the city's report by hurling insults.

The resistance to change has made them unpopular and driven a desire for alternatives. It's 2016, and I still can't be sure a cab driver will accept my destination or let me pay with a debit card. That's not OK.

And then there are the city-hall politicians.

Some of them like Uber just because polls say it's a popular service. Some dislike Uber primarily because the taxi industry is good at lobbying. Some are rightfully concerned about what Uber means for drivers barely eking out a living wage, though I'm not convinced taxi regulations should be part of the city's anti-poverty strategy.

But few politicians are talking about how these regulations can better support mobility. This debate shouldn't be about supporting an industry or disrupting an industry. Let it be about moving people.

And hurry the hell up.

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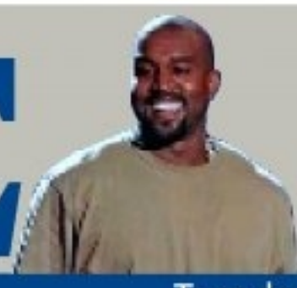

Fan sues Kanye West and streaming service Tidal for allegedly duping users into subscriptions based on promise of being exclusive outlet for West's new album.

As children spend more time in the digital world, nature is even more important for improving mental and physical health, says Richard Louv. PHOTOS: COLE BURSTON/FOR TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Are your kids getting vitamin N?

NEW BOOK

Antidote to modern malaise is nature says popular author

Richard Louv coined the phrase that captures the disconnect between modern kids and the outdoors. "Nature-deficit disorder" was how he described the phenomenon in his landmark book Last Child in the Woods.

A decade after naming the problem, the California author and outdoorsman is promoting another catchy term, this time for the cure — regular doses of nature. He calls it Vitamin N.

Research has exploded in the last few years showing that time spent in green space is good for brains, bodies and souls. It is believed to improve mental and physical health, cognitive skills, sensory development and learning.

As children spend more hours in the digital world blocking out their senses to focus on a screen, nature is more important than ever as an antidote, he argues in his new book Vitamin N: 500 Ways to Enrich the Health and Happiness and Your Family and Community.

"There's no precise prescription," the California-based author explained in an email interview.

And it doesn't have to be complicated.

"Some experience in nature is better than none, and more is better than some."

While Louv grew up in an era when kids roamed free and the only screens were on televisions, Louv's not anti-tech. His book includes an array of ideas for bringing technology to the outdoors and vice versa.

His ultimate form of multitasking? Straddling both the digital world and nature to develop what he calls "a hybrid mind."

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DO IT YOURSELF

Tips for fitting in more nature

Try some of these activities with your family

1 Put nature on the calendar
Family life is hectic these days. For many, the only way to actually make sure there's time to go for a hike, a picnic or even hang out in the backyard is to book it as you would a soccer game. Think of it as the family equivalent of a date night.

2 Be the guide on the side
When outdoors with kids, back off. Let them follow their own noses, whether it means collecting sticks, jumping in mud puddles or climbing an embankment, without always directing their play. Encourage them to ask questions and figure out answers, even by looking them up later. Be curious observers with a sense of wonder alongside them.

3 Enliven the senses
We used to talk about five senses. Now researchers have identified as many as 30. Awaken them by focusing on one at a time and blocking out the others. Have kids travel on their bellies for a closeup view of the earth. Use a paper "sniffer cup" for smelling natural objects like pine needles or wildflowers. Go barefoot. Cup your ears to focus on "seeing" the environment through noises. Stick out your tongue to taste the breeze.

4 Seek positive places with negative ions
Natural settings with plant life and water — beaches, streams, waterfalls — tend to be rich in molecules called negative ions. You can't see or smell them, but when they're inhaled and reach the bloodstream, negative ions are known to boost serotonin levels, which, in turn, alleviates depression.

5 Bathe in the forest
Forest bathing or shinrin-yoku, as the movement is known in Japan, is based on evidence that a relaxed walk in lush woods has measurable calming and restorative benefits. It's a healthy retreat from the pollution of city life.

6 Discover the art of nature
Pressed leaves and flowers, sculptures made of sticks and rocks, daisy chains, painting with mud or the juices of wild berries and nuts, sidewalk chalk drawings created by tracing the sun's shadow, percussion instruments from stones shells or logs. Let the imagination go wild.

7 Pick a sit spot
It could be the lower branch of a tree, a spot in the garden or a boulder by a brook. Urge family members to find their own special place they visit frequently to find peace and to observe how it changes according to the light, season, temperature and bugs, birds or other creatures in the vicinity.

8 Teach tree climbing smarts
It's a mainstay of childhood that hones balance, strength, agility, co-ordination and a sense of risk. But only climb trees that are alive and strong. Don't get onto branches with a circumference smaller than your wrist. Always have at least three points of contact with the tree.

5 EXERCISES TO SWITCH INTO YOUR WORKOUT

Been doing the same sit-ups for years and feeling uninspired? Here are five exercises to skip and what moves you should adopt instead, as recommended by master trainer Barry Samuel. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Lay off the moving lunges

Skip: travelling lunges
Moving across the floor when doing lunges can put knees, hips and ankles at risk, says Samuel.

Adopt: lunges in one place
"Replace that with a lunge in place," Samuel says. He recommends anchoring yourself with the wall or a chair. "Do it in place, where you're lowering your body and being careful to keep the hip, knee and joints at a 90-degree angle, tracking so the knee doesn't go too far inward or out."

Stop straight leg lifts

Skip: straight leg lifts
Doing straight leg lifts puts "a lot of stress" on the lower back, Samuel says. "You're also recruiting from your hip flexor group ... and you're not really getting a lot of benefit in the lower abdomen."

Adopt: crunches with knees at 90 degrees
This removes stress on the pelvis and lower back while engaging your abdomen. "By bringing your knees closer to your chest you're removing that stress and you're also not going to be working the hip flexors."

Say bye bye to the barbell

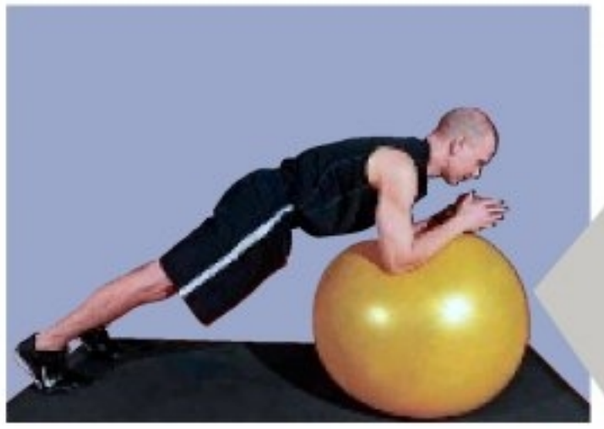
Skip: barbell squat
This move may look tough, but it can also put shoulder joints at risk if not done correctly, Samuel says. "What's problematic about barbell squats is people aren't in the habit of getting their spine in an upright position," he adds.

Adopt: squat with a ball
A weighted medicine ball will do and leads to a "more natural" pose that still works the back, spine and shoulders muscles.

Pitch the pull-ups

Skip: chin-ups and pull-ups
Samuel says the problem with these exercises is people tend to use a lot of momentum to swing themselves up and lose control. "Cheating often is where you leave yourself vulnerable to serious injury," he says, noting shoulder joints are at risk.

Adopt: TRX suspension or strap
Samuel recommends using a TRX suspension strap anchored to the ceiling. It's a similar movement that works upper and lower back muscles. "There's some co-ordination required with it, but it's still not as intense as if you're trying to do a pull up," he says.



No more sit ups

Skip: sit ups
Think this is the best way to a six-pack? Samuel warns it's easy to lose control with this common exercise and it could put your neck and spine at risk for injury.

Adopt: plank
This borrowed-from-yoga move focuses on the abdomen and core, while being more controlled than the sit-up. "You're just trying to streamline the body, you're not bouncing around," Samuel says.

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It's time to stop whitewashing movies

GHOST IN THE SHELL

Asian film adaptations frequently cast white actors

Nick Patch
Torstar News Service

According to a report in ScreenCrush, Paramount used digital race retouching to try to make Scarlett Johansson look more Asian in Ghost in the Shell. The studio scrapped the plan when the results were reviewed, the report alleges. CONTRIBUTED

One of the newest tools in Hollywood's ever-expanding technological utility belt is using CGI to make actors look vastly different — younger, thinner, whatever — and this week, Ghost in the Shell's producers used that new technique to make themselves look very, very stupid.

According to a report in ScreenCrush, Paramount and DreamWorks responded to the outcry over hiring Scarlett Johansson, an actress of Polish-Danish heritage, to portray the manga series' Japanese cyborg cop star, Major Motoko Kusanagi, by tinkering with visual effects to "shift her ethnicity" toward looking more Asian. Yes, Paramount wanted Scarlett to look less white — and now they're red-faced. Sure, the studio rejected parts of the report — they say the test was conducted on a "background character," not ScarJo — but ScreenCrush's sources insisted that it was Johansson's character who was put through Lola VFX's digital race retouching.

The idea was rejected "immediately" after the results were reviewed. But the fact that such a surreally insipid idea even made it that far is making people feel like they've been, well, cyberpunk'd.

"It's like (a) way to reduce race to mere physical appearance as opposed to say culture, social experience, identity, history," tweeted Fresh Off the Boat's comically gifted star Constance Wu in response to the story.

Macau American actress Ming-Na Wen, star of Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D., agreed. "Nothing against Scarlett Johansson. In fact, I'm a big fan. But everything against this whitewashing of (an) Asian role."

Of course, Ghost in the Shell has plenty of company in the pantheon of all-white-everything Asian adaptations, which now includes Dragonball Evolution (which starred Justin Chatwin), Speed Racer (Emile Hirsch) and the forthcoming Death Note (Nat Wolff).

Always vastly underrepresented onscreen, now Asian actors can't even find work playing Asian characters.

Even when Hollywood specifically devoted an evening to its diversity problem at the Oscars, the issue was drawn down binary white/black lines.

In fact, one of the show's only acknowledgments of Asian faces came in the form of racist jokes from Sacha Baron Cohen and Chris Rock.

JOHANNA SCHNELLER
WHAT I'M WATCHING

Acoustic guitar delivers an electric moment

THE SHOW: Vinyl, Season 1, Episode 8 (HBO)
THE MOMENT: The guitar lesson

Punk singer Kip Stevens (James Jagger, son of Mick) is under pressure to deliver a hit song. He's in a record studio, but inspiration eludes him. "There are no more notes!" he complains to his manager, Lester Grimes (Ato Essandoh).

"Are you serious?" asks Lester, a former blues man.

"We tried every progression," Kip says.

Lester glares at him. "E. A. B," he says. "Give me the guitar."

Lester strums an E, an A and a B, and starts singing Maybelleine. Seamlessly, using the same three chords, the song becomes The Twist. He dirties the notes, and the song becomes Tell Me What I Say. He adds a pop rhythm, crooning, "In the summer time, when the weather is fine," and then, still seamlessly, segues into Playing in a Traveling Band — all using E, A and B.

OK! This is the kind of scene I've been waiting for from this series. With nine executive producers including Mick Jagger and Martin Scorsese, I had high hopes it would take me deep inside the music business of the 1970s. But too much of the action has gone up the nose of coke-addled record man Richie Finestra (Bobby Cannavale).

(I'm not the only one who thinks so, because series co-creator Terrence Winter was just let go.)

Richie claims that he's forever searching for music that lights you up from inside. Lester delivers that here. The guitar is acoustic, but the moment is electrifying.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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Steven Wright left a bottle of pricey booze at Chris Colabello's locker-room stall a day after the Red Sox RHP beaned the Jays' 1B in the head

Back in it by committee

Raptors centre Bismack Biyombo defends against the Pacers' Paul George on Monday night.
MARK BLINCH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

RAPTORS
SERIES TIED 1-1

Toronto kicks it into high gear in 4th Q to slow Pacers

GAME 2 At ACC

98	87

Jonas Valanciunas scored 23 points and hauled down 15 rebounds as the Toronto Raptors bounced back to beat the Indiana Pacers 98-87 on Monday, evening their post-season series at one game apiece.

Kyle Lowry had 18 points and nine assists, while Cory Joseph finished with 16 points, Patrick Patterson chipped in with 14, and DeMar DeRozan had 10.

Paul George led the Pacers with 28 points.

The victory was a massive sigh of relief for Raptors fans after a horrible Game 1 that had Toronto looking nothing like the record-setting team it had been in the regular season. That ugly 100-90 loss conjured memories of last season's four-game post-season sweep by the Washington Wizards.

The big question Monday was: how would the Raptors respond?

They answered with an emphatic victory that saw them cough up an early 18-point lead, but battle back with a terrific fourth quarter.

Leading 74-66 to start the fourth, they found another gear, and when Lowry threaded a gorgeous pass to Joseph under the basket, the bucket put the Raptors up by 15 points and sent the Air Canada Centre crowd into fits of delirium.

A pair of free throws from Lowry with 4:19 to play put the Raptors up by 19 points, and they cruised to a well-earned victory.

Lowry, who had a rough Game 1, was back at his scrappy best, diving for loose balls, and while he shot just 4-for-13 on the night, his passing and defensive effort more than made up for his lousy aim.

The Raptors won virtually without their leading scorer as DeRozan was MIA once again. The two-time all-star shot just 5-for-18, and looked completely out of sorts most of the night, hanging his head each time he trudged to the bench.

The Raptors shot a decent 44 per cent on the night, after hitting just 38 per cent of their shots on Saturday. They protected the ball better, cutting their turnovers down from 20 to 13.

The noisy sold-out Air Canada Centre crowd — including Montreal Canadiens star P.K. Subban — was a sea of purple from a T-shirt giveaway, while once again, Maple Leaf Square outside the arena was jam-packed with fans watching the game on the giant screen.

The series now moves to Indianapolis for Game 3 on Thursday and Game 4 on Saturday.
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SITTING OUT

Raptors forward Terrence Ross did not return for the second half after bumping heads with teammate DeRozan.

Ross, who tallied six points, went through the NBA's concussion protocol at halftime, after which the team says that he had "no clear sign of a concussion," but was experiencing a headache.

IN BRIEF

Ethiopians rule 120th edition of Boston Marathon

Ethiopians nearly swept the Kenyans off the podium at the Boston Marathon on Monday, winning both the men's and women's races for the first time in history and taking five of the six spots on the victory stand.

Lemi Berhanu Hayle won the men's race in two hours 12 minutes 45 seconds, while Atsede Baysa, a two-time Chicago Marathon champion, won the women's race in 2:29:19.

Joyce Chepkirui was third in the women's race, the lone Kenyan to medal in a race. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Capitals rout Flyers for commanding 3-0 lead

Alex Ovechkin scored twice, Braden Holtby had 31 saves and the Washington Capitals moved one game closer to a sweep in their first-round playoff series with a 6-1 win over the Philadelphia Flyers on Monday night.

The Capitals lead a series 3-0 for the first time in franchise history. Game 4 is Wednesday night in Philadelphia.

The Flyers lost in their first home game since founder Ed Snider's death last week.
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MLB

Jays take Red Sox relievers to cleaners

Blue Jays centre-fielder Kevin Pillar makes a diving catch on Monday. MARY SCHWALM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Toronto manager John Gibbons knew Boston had its bullpen lined up.

It didn't matter when the Red Sox couldn't throw a key strike.

Russell Martin hit a two-run single against Craig Kimbrel to cap a four-run eighth inning, and the Blue Jays held on to beat the Red Sox 4-3 Monday in Boston's annual Patriots' Day game.

"When you're facing (Koji) Uehara and those guys at the end, it's tough to do," Gibbons said. "You see the end result. It was big."

J.A. Happ (2-0) gave up one run and four hits in seven-plus innings. Drew Storen got three outs for his first save despite giving up two runs. Toronto gained a split of the four-game series by winning the last two.

MONDAY In Boston

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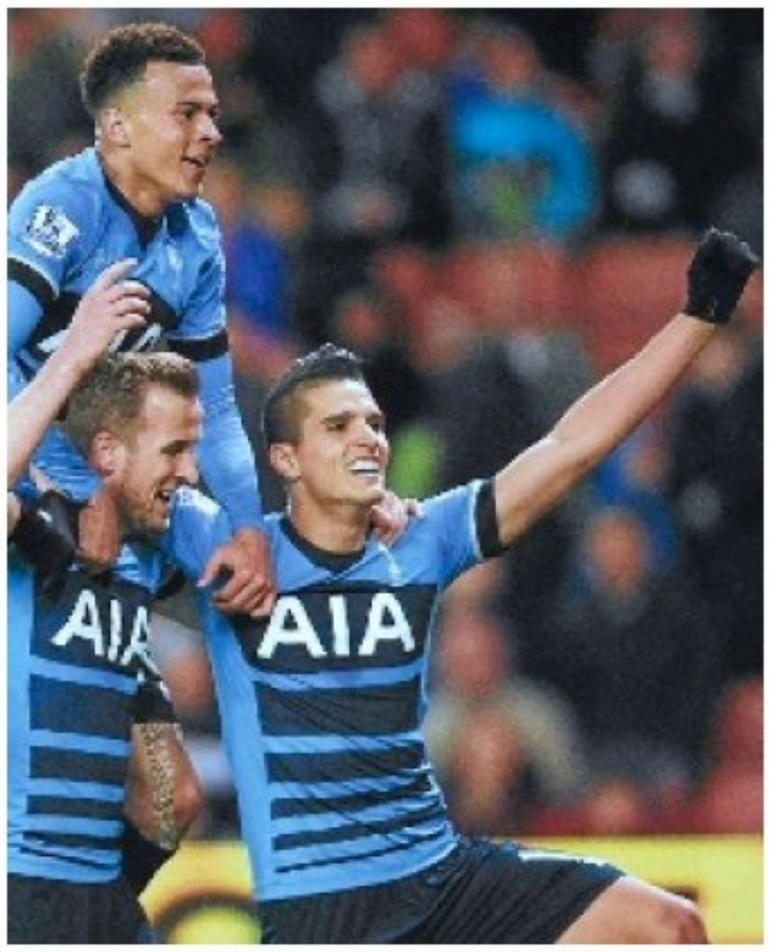
BLUE JAYS	RED SOX

"That was a huge inning for us against a tough pitcher," Happ said of the eighth. "They brought Kimbrel in there, and we had some great at-bats — even before that with Uehara. It was a fun win." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Spurs gain ground



Dele Alli climbs Harry Kane's shoulders to celebrate along with teammate Erik Lamela during Tottenham's 4-0 win on Monday in Stoke-on-Trent, England. RUI VIEIRA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PREMIER LEAGUE

Tottenham smokes Stoke to bring Leicester within sight

Harry Kane and Dele Alli both scored twice Monday as Tottenham crushed Stoke 4-0 with a devastating attacking display to close the gap on Premier League leader Leicester to five points.

It was an emphatic response to Leicester dropping points in Sunday's draw with West Ham.

Either team winning the league would shake up the established order. Leicester has never won the top flight in its 132-year history and Tottenham's only titles came in 1951 and 1961.

"We're not going anywhere — we are on their tails," Kane said of Leicester after taking his league-leading tally to 24 goals.

Tottenham's goal differential of plus-39 is 13 better than Leicester's and the best in England's top flight.

It's an end to the season that could not have been anticipated in August, when Tottenham opened its campaign by failing to win any of its first four games.

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DIVISION TABLE

	GP	W-D-L	Pts.
Leicester	34	21-10-3	73
Tottenham	34	19-11-4	68
Man. City	33	18-6-9	60
Arsenal	33	17-9-7	60
Man. United	33	16-8-9	56
West Ham	33	13-14-6	53
S'hampton	34	14-9-11	51
Liverpool	32	14-9-9	51
Stoke	34	13-8-13	47
Chelsea	33	11-11-11	44
Everton	33	9-14-10	41
Watford	33	11-8-14	41
B'mouth	34	11-8-15	41
West Brom	33	10-10-13	40
Swansea	34	10-10-14	40
Crys. Palace	34	10-9-15	39
Norwich	34	8-7-19	31
Sunderland	33	7-9-17	30
Newcastle	33	7-7-19	28
Aston Villa	34	3-7-24	16

Champions League
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NFL

Court upholds $1B concussion deal

A federal appeals court has upheld an estimated $1-billion plan by the NFL to settle thousands of concussion lawsuits filed by former players, potentially ending a troubled chapter in league history.

The decision released Monday comes nearly a year after a district judge approved the revised settlement. If there are no further appeals — either to a full panel of the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia within two weeks, or the Supreme Court within 90 days — former players already diagnosed with brain injuries linked to repeated concussions could begin receiving benefits within three to four months, a plaintiffs' attorney said.

"I couldn't stress enough the urgency of getting this done," said attorney Christopher Seeger. He conceded the settlement was hardly perfect, but two courts had now judged it fair.

Lawyer Steven F. Molo, who argued for several former players opposed to the deal, said his clients were disappointed and considering their options.

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IN BRIEF

Pistorius hearing set for June

South Africa's former track star Oscar Pistorius appeared briefly in a Pretoria court where a judge scheduled five days in June to determine his sentence for murdering his girlfriend. The sentencing hearing for Pistorius will be held from June 13 to 17 at the North Gauteng High Court in Pretoria. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nylander named top rookie

Mississauga Steelheads forward Alexander Nylander has been named the Ontario Hockey League's rookie of the year.

Nylander, the younger brother of Leafs prospect William, led all OHL rookies and finished 19th overall in league scoring with 75 points (28 goals, 47 assists) in 57 games. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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RECIPE Curried Chicken with Grapes in a Pita

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This sweet and savoury combo is a great way to use up leftover chicken. But it's also a reason to pick up a rotisserie chicken on your way home if you don't have leftovers.

Ready in
Prep time: 10
Cook time: 20

Ingredients
- 2 cups diced cooked chicken
- 2 celery stalks, finely diced
- 1/2 cup seedless grapes, quartered
- 1 scallion, finely sliced
- 2 Tbsp mayonaisse
- 2 Tbsp Greek yogurt
- 1 tsp curry powder
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- salt and pepper to taste
- whole wheat pita pockets, sliced in half
- lettuce, washed and torn

Directions

1. In a bowl, toss together the diced chicken, celery, grapes and scallion.

2. In a small bowl, stir together the mayo, yogurt, curry powder and Dijon then blend it together with the chicken mixture. Taste before deciding how much salt and pepper you need.

3. Cut your pitas in half and tuck in a few pieces of lettuce.

4. Now spoon in your chicken salad. Serve with a green salad.

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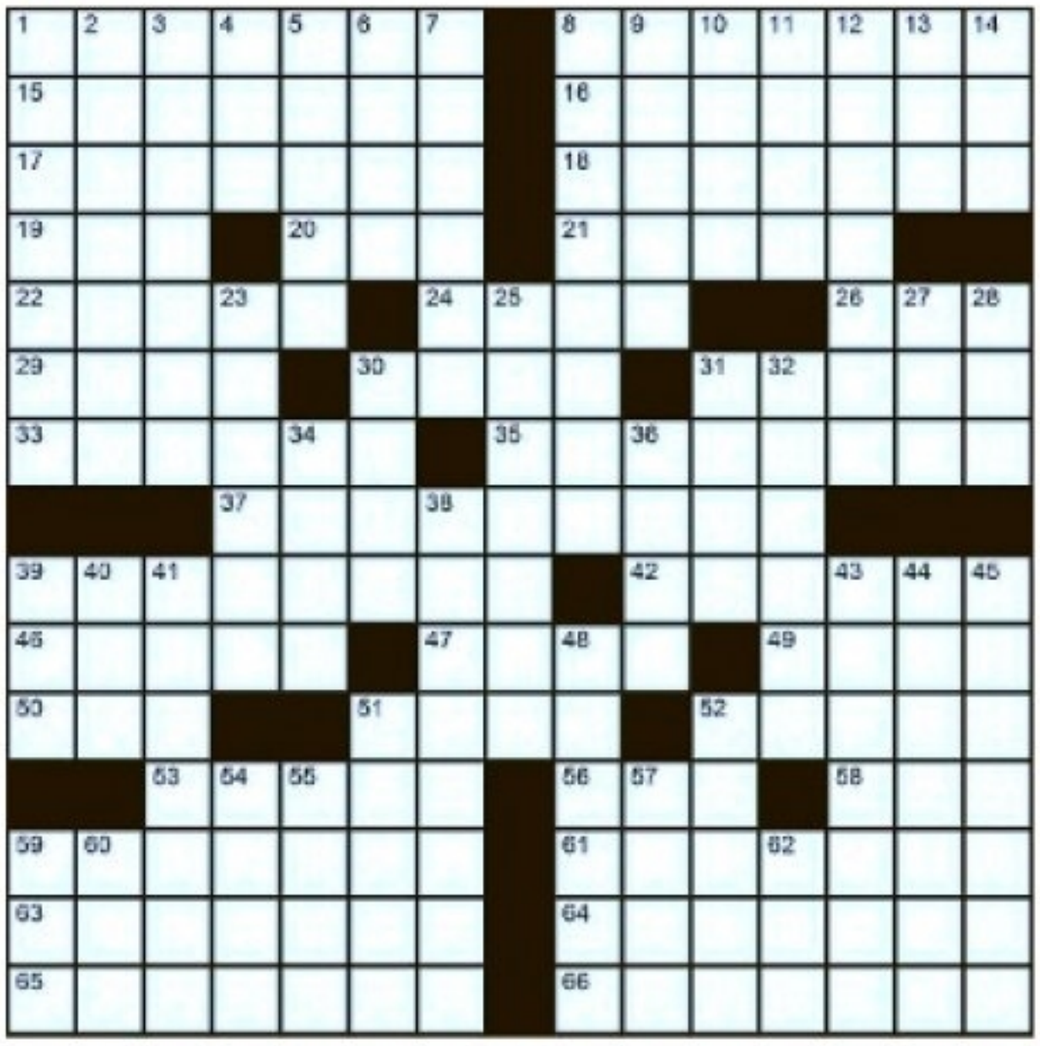

ACROSS
1. "__ Bells": Theme music in "The Exorcist" (1973)
8. Shook a bit
15. Useless
16. "I'm sorry."
17. Robert De Niro/Ben Stiller comedy, "Meet the __" (2000)
18. Info in a used-car ad
19. Painful expressions!
20. Garden pond fish
21. Finished
22. Fortunes
24. Pharmacy amount
26. Pixie
29. Barney's best cartoon friend
30. Sage or thyme
31. Wayne __ (Batman's abode)
33. Tennis champion Ms. Williams
35. In a wide-mouthed-awestruck manner
37. Alberta: Beautiful attraction in Lethbridge, __ __ Japanese Garden
39. Like the four largest satellites of Jupiter
42. Harnessed
46. Shock Rock rocker, __ Cooper
47. Russian autocrat, once
49. Ms. Campbell of "Scream" (1996)
50. Famous
51. "__ Lap" (1983)
52. Hard-to-climb hill's characteristic
53. Ring __ (Get attention at the customer service desk)
56. Writer Mr. Levin
58. CSI evidence
59. "The Facts of Life" character
61. More like Mr. Duck of Looney Tunes
63. Supervise
64. Sir Edmund Hillary's conquest in '53
65. Ontario: University in London
66. Ritzy vacation destinations

DOWN
1. Insider's info offerings
2. Not in-the-know
3. Partyer making the balloon go "Pop!"
4. 'Comp' completer (Calculate)
5. Golfing domains
6. Opera voice
7. Live somewhere
8. Ontario/Quebec body of water: 2 wds.
9. Express, as a thought
10. Atomic No. 79
11. Hilarity
12. Placing deliveries on the truck
13. __ salad sandwich
14. Hair tinter
23. Like Adam and Eve's garden
25. Wedding dress material
27. Gretchen of movies
28. Use a crowbar
30. Cod-like fish
31. Mr. Myers
32. Sanctify
34. Cairo's river
36. Run smoothly as a car engine
38. Hamilton-born actress Ms. Robertson
39. Chitchat
40. Famous boxing last name
41. Binds, surgeon-style
43. More wanting
44. Most balanced
45. Leaves at the airport
48. More like a desert in climate
51. One using a pair of toolbox grippers, say
52. Vaults
54. "The Simpsons" character
55. "Nothing __ Matters" by Bif Naked
57. Critic's thumbs-up review
59. At this moment
60. "__ Maria"
62. Backwards

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Today you feel passionate and intense about everything. However, you will feel this particularly during discussions with bosses, parents and the police. Be careful.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
If you are looking for answers or doing research today, you will be like a dog with a bone: You will not give up until you find what you want.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Disputes with a friend or a member of a group might arise today, especially about how to spend a specific amount of money or deal with shared property. Remember that discussions are a two-way street.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Difficulties with bosses and parents might arise today, because you want to get your own way. Be careful. This relationship might end.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You might decide to part ways with a group of people based on religious, political or racial views. Issues are hot; you will not betray your own values.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Disputes about inheritances, insurance issues and shared property will be intense today. You might be at loggerheads with someone so fiercely that the relationship will end.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Sometimes we hang on to someone out of feelings of insecurity. Today you will examine your relationships and either change them or accept them for what they are.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Your zeal to introduce reforms at work might create resistance. You won't back down, which is why things will come to a head by the Full Moon on Thursday.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Parents must be gentle with their kids today, because everyone is obsessed about something today. This means if someone wants something, they really want something. Be the adult in this scenario.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Family disagreements might be imminent, because different people want different things. Unfortunately, these feelings are intense. Hopefully, after Thursday's Full Moon there will be peace.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
No matter what you discuss today, you will be passionately intense about it. Just be aware of this so that you know why others react as they do.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
If shopping today, you will be obsessed about buying something. Well, if you want it and you can afford it, why not get it?

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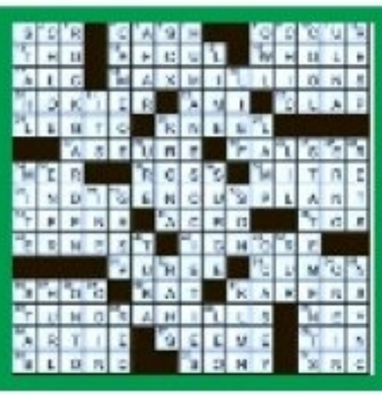

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